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1. Königswusterhausen (W02)

In early September, Königswusterhausen airfield was being dismantled by a technical brigade, APO 97175. This unit comprises a former Soviet tank repair company, a former Soviet bridge construction company, and approximately 250 German mechanics, welders, and fitters. The Germans are said to be those remaining of a great number of such workers arrested in the Niederlausitz region during June and July and assigned to repair work on German tanks. Most of these men were released in August except for those assigned to the technical brigade.

2. Sperenberg (Z80)

Lively air activity by Soviet bombers was observed between 0845 and 1200 hours on 23 July. During this time a number of bombs were dropped in the Kammersdorf artillery range area. The bombs appeared to be of 500 kg type and were dropped in series of four, eight, and ten.

3. Rangsdorf (Z82)

At 1700 hours on 23 July, there was no air activity at Rangsdorf. There were thirty-four LA-5's on the field. The planned dispersal landing field east of the new Rangsdorf settlement has not been built.

4. Schönefeld (Z93)

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a. Size of Schönefeld airfield: 1,500 meters north to south; 1,000 meters east to west. It is located twelve kilometers southeast of Tempelhof and five kilometers south of Adlershof. All activity has been transferred from Adlershof to Schönefeld and the former field has been dismantled for the most part, although it is still being used by U-2 courier aircraft.

b. The field's chief entrance is at its southern extremity and is

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reached through Diepensee, where there is a Soviet control point. A sign at this entrance reads, "Aeroport Berlin". Signs posted along the footpath between Diepensee and Waltersdorf read, "Trespassing forbidden under penalty of law and 500 marks fine. Soviet Army Unit No. 68061." (See attached map)

c. The field is grass covered, the ground is hard. The concrete runway, running southwest to northeast, is sixty meters wide and approximately 800 meters long. Apparently the runway is being extended by 100 to 150 meters as part of the improvements being made in the northwest area of the field.

d. The field contains a control tower, two hangars, a small building with direction finding equipment, and a radio station with two masts, each approximately thirty meters high.

e. The Siemens-Bauunion is reconstructing various buildings. Final dismantling operations on the Henschel plant are controlled by the "Sonderbaubüro IV für Bauten der sowjetischen Besatzungsarmee bei der Stadtverwaltung Potsdam".

f. The field appears to be used at the moment only for transportation and mail services. Five PS-84 aircraft observed on 26 July bore camouflage paint minus the usual Soviet star; left side of fuselages and upper left side of wings were marked СССР; right side of fuselages and wings were marked Л 4076.

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